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1. The area occupied by VEB Schiffswerft Oderberg is being extended by .5 sq. km. in a northerly direction, to allow room for two new slipways, which are being constructed. The extension must be completed by 1 November 1955.
2. Dredging has been started in the water of the docks and at the juncture of the canal and Oder. This is to make possible the construction of river vessels and luggers of up to 500 tons and enable them to use the passage to the Hohensaaten locks. Subsequently, the dredging operations will be extended to the whole length of the Hohensaaten canal up to Schwedt.
3. The management of VEB Schiffswerft Oderberg has hired 30 new employees, welders, fitters, and electricians, but is still short of this type of skilled labor.
4. Orders have been taken for the building of five river passenger vessels for the USSR. They will each carry 350 passengers and will be 30 m. long. Work will start in January 1956.

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